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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO POSSIBLE
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A UK CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL'S
DISCUSSIONS ON A POSSIBLE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. TEXT OF
CLASSIFIED NATO CONFIDENTIAL WAS CIRCULATED TO ALL PERMREPS ON
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

BEGIN TEXT OF COVER LETTER

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO CIRCULATE
TO YOU AND TO ALL PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES THE ENCLOSED
TEXT AS A UNITED KINGDOM CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL'S
DISCUSSIONS ON A POSSIBLE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BY THE
MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

END TEXT OF COVER LETTER

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BEGIN TEXT OF UK CONTRIBUTION

1. THE PARTIES TO THIS DECLARATION REAFFIRM THEIR CONVICTION
THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THE

ESSENTIAL FOUNDATION FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

2. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT, THANKS IN LARGE PART TO THEIR OWN EFFORTS AND CLOSE COOPERATION, THE PROSPECTS OF DEVELOPING PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT HAVE IMPROVED IN RECENT YEARS.

3. IN WELCOMING AND RESOLVING TO PROMOTE THESE ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS, THEY NEVERTHELESS RECOGNIZE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WARSAW PACT HAVE NEITHER RENOUNCED THEIR POLITICAL STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COUNTRIES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE NOR REDUCED THE PREDOMINANT MILITARY STRENGTH AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THAT STRUGGLE.

4. THE PARTIES TO THIS DECLARATION WILL NOT THEREBY BE DETERRED FROM PURSUING THEIR EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSION AND PROMOTE GREATER UNDERSTANDING. BUT THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THIS POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONFRONTATION IN EUROPE STILL REQUIRES THEM, IN THE INTERESTS OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM, TO PURSUE THESE EFFORTS IN CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION.

5. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO ENSURE UNDIMINISHED SECURITY AT LOWER LEVELS OF FORCES THEY RECOGNIZE THE DANGERS INHERENT IN ANY UNILATERAL REDUCTION OF THEIR OWN DEFENSES AND RESOLVE TO MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, THEIR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE CAPACITY TO RESIST ARMED ATTACK.

6. IN DOING SO, THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE SECURITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS INDIVISIBLE AND CANNOT BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT THE ACTIVE EFFORTS OF ALL OF THEM. IN PARTICULAR THE INDEPENDENCE OF WESTERN EUROPE IS AS VITAL TO THE SECURITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE AS IS THE SUPPORT OF THESE MEMBERS TO

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THE DEFENSE OF WESTERN EUROPE.

7. IT IS THUS IN THE INTERESTS OF THEM ALL THAT THEY RESOLVE TO CONTINUE AND TO DEVELOP THEIR CLOSE AND EQUAL COOPERATION IN THE HARMONISATION OF POLICY AND IN THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFECTIVE DEFENSE. TO THIS END THEY WILL CONTINUE, WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS OR COMMON PURPOSES, TO SEEK TO ELIMINATE CONFLICT IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES AND WILL ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN ANY OR ALL OF THEM.

8. THEY DECLARE THAT THEIR COMMON EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE INDEPENDENCE, TO MAINTAIN THE SECURITY AND TO PROMOTE THE WELL-

BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES ARE DIRECTED AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF NO
OTHER COUNTRY AND WILL NEVER BE PURSUED BY METHODS INCOMPATIBLE
WITH THE PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE AND THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

9. THEY ALSO RESOLVE TO REGARD THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE, PROS-
PERITY AND SECURITY AS THE NECESSARY BASIS FROM WHICH TO DIS-
CHARGE THEIR OBLIGATION TO ADVANCE THE WELL-BEING AND PROMOTE THE
HARMONY OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. END TEXT.
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